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SUBJECT: UN SPECIAL FUND FOR LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - AFGHANISTAN'S REQUEST THAT USG SEEK MEMBERSHIP ON FUND'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS

REF: USUN 700

1. YOUR REPLY TO THE NOTE FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AFGHANISTAN ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT SHOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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A. USG APPRECIATES THE SUGGESTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN THAT THE USG SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UN SPECIAL FUND FOR LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

B. HOWEVER, AS THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AFGHANISTAN WILL RECALL, THE U.S. WAS AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES THAT ABSTAINED

BOTH ON UNGA RESOLUTION 3504 (XXX) CREATING THE SPECIAL FUND AND ON RESOLUTION 31/177 APPROVING THE STATUTE FOR THE FUND, AND ON BOTH OCCASIONS STATED THAT IT DID NOT INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL FUND FOR REASONS THAT WERE ELABORATED AT THE TIME. THEREFORE THE U.S. REGRETS TO INFORM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AFGHANISTAN THAT IT DOES

NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE TO SEEK OR ACCEPT MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

C. NEVERTHELESS, THE USG WISHES TO REITERATE ITS SYMPATHY FOR AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ITS SUPPORT OF THE CONCEPT OF INCREASED EMPHASIS ON ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES BOTH IN LAND-LOCKED AND CORRIDOR COUNTRIES. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE USG, HOWEVER, THAT THESE OBJECTIVES CAN BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH EXISTING AGENCIES RATHER THAN THROUGH A SEPARATE SPECIAL FUND. THE USG, OF COURSE, HAS NO OBJECTION IF OTHER COUNTRIES WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIAL FUND. (USUN WILL RECOGNIZE THE FOREGOING AS THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR EXPLANATION OF VOTE IN THE 31ST GA, PER STATE 297632 OF DECEMBER 7, 1976, SIMILAR ALSO TO OUR EXPLANATION IN THE 30TH GA.)

2. WE LEAVE IT TO USUN TO DRESS UP THE FOREGOING IN A FORMAL NOTE, ADDING WHATEVER ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE YOU MAY THINK APPROPRIATE TO EMPHASIZE OUR APPRECIATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

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3. THE ABOVE POSITION IS OF COURSE CONSISTENT WITH OUR NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE UN SPECIAL FUND FOR MSAS.  
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